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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kao, et al.

Application No.: 09/7/97,647

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For: Method and Apparatus for Selecting,

Monitoring, and Controlling Electrically Powered Devices

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231-9998

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed July 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Following is a complete set of claims as amended with this Response. This complete set of claims excludes previously cancelled claims 12 and 22 and revised claims 24, 31, 33, 36 and 40.

12. Cancelled.

(Amended) The apparatus of claim 14 further comprising a switching device coupled between the electrically powered device and a power source, said switching device to control power to the device, responsive to the control signals.

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